



Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that
KARL F EICHHORN Jr. 35 602 859 Corporal

726th Bomb Squadron 451st Bomb Group

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at

SEPARATION CENTER
CAMP ATTERBURY INDIANA

Date

5 September 1945

F. B. Collins

F. B. COLLINS
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Appendix A (Reverse Side)

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

5-12-33 Kcc/21

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL EICHHORN KARL F Jr			2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 35 602 859		3. GRADE Cpl		4. ARM OR SERVICE AC		5. COMPONENT AUS		
6. ORGANIZATION 726 Bomb Sq 451st Bomb Gp			7. DATE OF SEPARATION 5 Sep 45		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Sep Cen Camp Atterbury Ind						
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 732 Wiley Ave Barnesville Ohio					10. DATE OF BIRTH 4 Jun 24		11. PLACE OF BIRTH Cleveland Ohio				
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See # 9					13. COLOR EYES blue		14. COLOR HAIR brown		15. HEIGHT 5'9"		
16. WEIGHT 150 lbs.		17. NO. DEPEND. 0		18. RACE X WHITE		19. MARITAL STATUS X SINGLE		20. U.S. CITIZEN X YES		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Student High School 0-4	

MILITARY HISTORY


22. DATE OF INDUCTION 13 Feb 43		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 20 Feb 43		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE Akron Ohio		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See # 9	
26. REGISTERED X YES		27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. # 4		28. COUNTY AND STATE Belmont Ohio		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See # 9	
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Airplane Armorer 911				31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) Rifle Marksman;			
32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Po Valley; Naples-Foggia; North Appenines; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Southern France; Air Offensive Europe; Rome Arno; *							
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS EAME Theater Ribbon w/ 10 Bronze Stars per WD GO #33/45; Good Conduct Ribbon per GO # 3/44 Hq 451st Bomb Gp; Distinguished Unit Citation w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters per WDG0#67/44; GO#3757/44Hq 15AF; WDG0#77/44							
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION None							
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN			
SMALLPOX 1 Feb 45		TYPHOID 28 Aug 44		TETANUS 10 Jun 44		OTHER (specify) Ty 1 Apr 45	
DATE OF DEPARTURE 3 Dec 43		DESTINATION NATO		DATE OF ARRIVAL 23 Dec 43		DATE OF ARRIVAL 14 Jun 45	
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE		38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD Cpl					
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE					
YEARS 1	MONTHS 0	DAYS 4	YEARS 1	MONTHS 6	DAYS 12		
39. PRIOR SERVICE None							
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION Conv of Govt RR1-1 (DEMOBILIZATION) AR 615-365 15 Dec 44							
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED ACFT Arm SO 184 P 7, HQ L F Col						42. EDUCATION (Years) 8 Grammar 4 High School 0 College	

PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES			44. MUSTERING OUT PAY		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS		46. TRAVEL PAY		47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER	
YEARS 2	MONTHS 6	DAYS 23	TOTAL \$ 300	THIS PAYMENT \$ 100	None		16.20		126.20 H F GILLIE Capt FD	

INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.										
48. KIND OF INSURANCE X Nat. Serv.			49. HOW PAID X Allotment		50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 31 Aug 45		51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) 30 Sept 45		52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH 6.50	
53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO X Continue			Continue Only		Discontinue					

54. 		55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) Inactive Service in ERC from 13 Feb 43 thru 19 Feb 43 No days lost under AW 107; Lapel button issued ASR(12 May 45) 94 * Air Combat Balkins:							
		56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Karl F. Eichhorn Jr.							
		57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) P D KISTER 2nd Lt MAC							

Appendix B

HEADQUARTERS
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
DOW FIELD, BANGOR, MAINE

5 August 1945
(Date)

SUBJECT: Authorization for Awards.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. KARL F. EICHHORN, Corporal, 35602859, is
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
authorized to wear the following listed decorations earned while a
member of the 726th Bombardment Squadron, 451st Bombardment Group
(Squadron)
from August 1943 to August 1945:

a. Battle Participation Awards:

1. Naples-Foggia Campaign-----Ltr MTOUSA 10 Nov 44
Inclusive dates--9 Sept 43 to 21 Jan 44
2. Southern France Campaign---Ltr NATOUSA 18 Oct 44
Inclusive dates--15 Aug 44 to 14 Sept 44
3. Rome-Arno Campaign-----Ltr MTOUSA 10 Nov 44
Inclusive dates--22 Jan 44 to 9 Sept 44
4. Normandy Campaign-----Ltr ETOUSA 8 Dec 44
Inclusive dates--6 Jun 44 to 24 Jul 44
5. Air Offensive Europe-----Ltr ETOUSA 6 Jan 45
Inclusive dates--26 Dec 43 to 5 Jun 44
6. Air Combat Balkans-----Ltr MTOUSA 19 Apr 45
Inclusive dates--1 Nov 43 to 31 Dec 44
7. Germany Campaign-----Ltr ETOUSA 14 Apr 45
Inclusive dates--15 Sept 44 to 7 May 45
8. Northern France Campaign---Ltr ETOUSA 21 Apr 45
Inclusive dates--25 Jul 44 to 15 Sept 44
9. North Appennines Campaign--Ltr MTOUSA 9 May 45
Inclusive dates--10 Sept 44 to 4 Apr 45
10. Po Valley Campaign-----Ltr MTOUSA 9 May 45
Inclusive dates--5 Apr 45 to (announced later)

b. Distinguished Unit Citations:

1. Distinguished Unit Badge--WD, GO #67, 16 Aug 44
2. Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Unit Badge
WD, GO #77, 28 Sept 44
3. Oak Leaf Cluster to Distinguished Unit Badge
GO #3757, Fifteenth Air Force, 2 Oct 44

c. Other Awards:

1. Good Conduct Medal--GO #3, Hq 451st Bombardment
Group (H), dtd 20 February 1944.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Albert F. Ogg
ALBERT F. OGG, CAPT AC
Adjutant.

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520

C-UPD-bmr

1 July 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 1481)

Citation of Unit I

SECTION I -- CITATION OF UNIT

Under the provisions of Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, and Circular No. 26, Headquarters NATOUSA, 6 March 1944, the following unit is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy:

451st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H). For outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. Notified to prepare maximum aircraft in the Group for a bombing mission to Regensburg, Germany, ground personnel worked feverishly, enthusiastically, and with untiring intensity to get all B-24 type aircraft in the best possible mechanical condition to insure the success of the operation. On 25 February 1944, despite the highly unsatisfactory conditions of the airdrome, forty (40) B-24's of the 451st Bombardment Group took off to bomb the Regensburg Prufening Aircraft Factory. Commanders and all personnel participating in the mission had been briefed that the enemy was capable of intercepting the formation with approximately two-hundred (200) fighters and that the route to the target would be without fighter escort. As the Group penetrated enemy territory, a running battle continuing to the target, ensued, during which time approximately two-hundred (200) enemy fighters intercepted the formation with well coordinated and vicious attacks. In the violent and bitter aerial battle, enemy aircraft used rocket guns, aerial flak, cannon and machine guns in an effort to disrupt the operation. Despite the intense, accurate, and heavy anti-aircraft fire, and enemy fighters over the target, the Group maintained a close formation, and scored many direct hits on the assigned target. The formation flown and the coordination between the attack units resulted in sixteen (16) enemy fighters destroyed, three (3) probably destroyed, and six (6) damaged, to the loss of six (6) aircraft of the 451st Bombardment Group. The tremendous material damage inflicted by the 451st Bombardment Group contributed greatly to the curtailment of aircraft production by the enemy at a time of great importance. The grim determination, outstanding skill and unhesitating courage of the officers and men of the 451st Bombardment Group in accomplishing the objectives of this mission through the heaviest of enemy opposition, reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ J. M. Ivins
J. M. IVINS,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

C. E. CAMPBELL, JR.
WOJG, USA.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520

C-UPD-rmb

5 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 2332)

Section Citation of Unit I

SECTION I - CITATION OF UNIT

Under the provisions of Circular 333, War Department, 1943, and Circular 26, North African Theater of Operations, 6 March 1944, the following unit is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy:

451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H). For outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. On 5 April 1944, under the most difficult and trying conditions on the ground and despite extremely adverse weather conditions in the air, the Group successfully assembled thirty-four (34) B-24 type aircraft heavily loaded with maximum tonnage of high explosive bombs and set course for the vital enemy oil installations and marshalling yards at Ploesti, Rumania. Having been briefed to anticipate heavy interception from approximately two hundred (200) enemy aircraft and knowing that they would be without fighter escort in the vicinity of the target, the Group penetrated enemy territory determined to carry on the offensive. Well before arrival at the target area, they were intercepted by enemy, which in waves of approximately eighty-five (85) at a time opened the attack with rocket fire and closed in to within one hundred (100) yards with their automatic weapons. The savage running air-battle continued over the target through a maelstrom of intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and lasted without interruption for forty-five (45) minutes on the return trip. In the ensuing violent and bitter aerial battle, during which five (5) of our bombers were shot down, thirty-five (35) enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged (20) known destroyed, twelve (12) probably destroyed and three (3) known to be damaged. Despite the intense opposition of the enemy, the 451st Bombardment Group (H) successfully delivered a devastating blow to the important enemy oil installations and communications facilities. The tremendous material damage contributed greatly to the curtailment of oil production and shipment by the enemy. The grim determination, outstanding skill and heroic courage of the combat crews, together with the professional skill and devotion to duty of the ground personnel of the 451st Bombardment Group (H) in accomplishing this mission through the heaviest enemy opposition is outstanding in the history of aerial warfare and is deserving of emulation. By their gallant and outstanding performance of duty those men have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

By command of Major General TWINING:

OFFICIAL:

R. K. TAYLOR
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

/s/ J. M. Ivins
/t/ J. M. IVINS,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

C. E. CAMPBELL JR.
WOJG, USA

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1 - Stars and Stripes, Algiers

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HEADQUARTERS
 FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
 APO 520

C-UPD-bmr

2 October 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
 :
 NUMBER 3757)

Citation of Unit I

SECTION I -- CITATION OF UNIT

Under the provisions of Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, and Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUA, 10 July 1944, the following unit is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy:

451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP. For outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. Notified to prepare their aircraft for a vital mission against the Markersdorf Airdrome, Vienna, Austria, in a counter air operation, the ground crews worked with enthusiasm to insure the mechanical perfection of their planes for the forthcoming mission. On 23 August 1944, twenty-four (24) B-24 type aircraft, heavily loaded with maximum tonnage, took off and set course for their destination. Enroute the formation was intercepted by numerous enemy fighters in a well coordinated attack, emerging from protective cloud covering six (6) to ten (10) abreast and employing twenty-millimeter cannon in their violent assaults. The highly aggressive enemy fighters made suicidal attempts against the bombers, in a desperate attempt to break up and destroy the formation, to prevent the successful completion of their vital mission. Displaying outstanding courage, professional skill and fortitude, the gallant crews battled their way through the overwhelming enemy opposition to the target, where, under continued heavy opposition, they completed a highly successful bombing run. Through their superior ability to maintain a tight protective formation and to direct heavy defensive fire against the fierce attacks of enemy, the Group accounted for twenty-nine (29) enemy aircraft destroyed or damaged in the air. The excellent bombing pattern on the ground installations inflicted grave damage to important buildings and supplies, and twelve (12) enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. Throughout the aerial battle, the 451st Bombardment Group lost nine (9) heavy bombers, with others severely damaged by heavy enemy fire. Through this outstanding achievement a telling blow was struck at the fighter aircraft concentrations in the Vienna area, thus effectively and seriously crippling enemy operational efficiency at a time of great importance. By the outstanding courage, professional skill and unwavering determination of the combat crews, together with the superior technical skill and devotion to duty of the ground personnel, the 451st Bombardment Group has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

By command of Major General TWINING:

OFFICIAL:

R. K. TAYLOR,
 Colonel, GSC,
 Chief of Staff.

/s/ J. M. Ivins
 J. M. IVINS
 Colonel, AGD,
 Adjutant General.

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LYNN J. BARTLETT, JR.
 Captain, Air Corps.

Appendix D

ORIENTATION

Restriction

Probably all of you will be out of the Army within 48 hours unless your records are not in good order or you are held up by your physical examination. In order to process you that quickly you will have to be available at all times. You will be restricted to the Post. A lot of this Post is off limits. You will find a map in your barracks showing you the areas that are off limits. In general you may go to the PX and movies, for anything else check the map.

Military Regulations

Until your final release you are subject to all military regulations. Keep yourself neat and presentable. Whenever you leave a building or you are not in the area, be sure that your cap is worn properly and your sleeves are rolled down and buttoned. Trouser legs are not to be turned up at the bottom. You do not have to wear a tie. Salute all officers courteously. Walk on the sidewalks. Do not walk in the streets or on the grass. Any of you who do not follow these rules are subject to removal from the processing roster and your name will be reported to the Adjutant. You, therefore, delay your departure.

Signing out with Barracks CO

Before leaving your barracks get permission from your barracks CO or loader and tell him where you are going. The reason you must keep your barracks leader informed as to your whereabouts is because in many cases it is necessary for the people who are working on your records to obtain information from you to complete them, and there is not sufficient time to permit us to search or wait for you. You may be wanted at anytime concerning your processing. If we cannot find you when we want you, we may have to delay your discharge. Once your name is on a roster be sure to keep all appointments. If you miss an appointment you might be dropped from the roster and it may delay your discharge for a week.

Housing

Do not bring friends, relatives or dependents on the Post, housing facilities are not available and they are not available in the surrounding towns.

Memorandum

As a result of the expansion of the Separation Center, we are presently employing a large number of WACs and young girls from communities adjacent to Camp Atterbury. In addition to this, many mothers, sisters, wives, and friends of officers and enlisted men visit the Center daily. In general the female population of the Center is increasing and it is the responsibility of the Army to care for and protect them while here. Some men seem to be under the erroneous impression that our women visitors and employees are in the area for the sole purpose of being subjected to cheap remarks, ungentlemanly advances, whistling, and the like. The exact opposite is true and will be the case in this Separation Center as it has been in the service for years past.

PWs

If any of you men were PWs overseas and have claims for property lost, damaged or stolen while a prisoner see your company commander at the company to which you are assigned.

We have a large number of PWs here on the Post. Do not fraternize with them or molest them. Just leave them alone.

Awards

If there are any medals that you have been authorized, but have not received or which you may have lost, get your records when your name is called and take them to the awards desk where they will be requisitioned. You will receive them before you leave the post. (Any medal such as the Air Medal, DFC, Silver or Bronze star medal, Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Infantry Combat Badge or Medical Combat Badge are obtainable without delay). Overseas ribbons and small bronze battle stars may be purchased at the PX.

This is your last opportunity to obtain these medals; once you leave this room you cannot come back and claim them for your records are then in process and we cannot locate them, so be sure you take care of any claims for medals before you leave this room.

Claims

If there are any first three graders making claim for moving their dependents or anyone making claim for per-dien or travel pay, get your records when your name is called and see payroll man.

Turn In

The following should be turned in to the man who has your records:

- Paybooks.
- Soldier's Deposit books.
- Unused meal tickets.
- Flight certificate or Form #5 which entitles Air Corps men to flying pay.
- Questionnaire.

Transportation Requests

If any man has unused Transportation Requests, take them to the Post Transportation Office where you will be given a receipt for them. Bring that receipt with a copy of your orders back to this room and turn them in to the Finance desk where a voucher will be made up that will reimburse you for that unused T/R.

Weapons

If you have any ammunition it must be turned in at shakedown. No one will be permitted to have any ammunition in his possession. Any weapons brought back from overseas must be left in the bottom of your barracks bag and under no circumstances will you remove them while on the Post for any reason. That means that you cannot remove it even for cleaning purposes. If any man disobeys this order the weapon will be confiscated and disciplinary action taken. We had one near accident and don't intend to have another.

Shakedown

You will be given a barracks card when your name is called, take that card, pick up your baggage and go to clothing shakedown. If you have no baggage turn baggage checks to shakedown. Everything that is GI will be taken from you including clothing purchased at stores unless you can identify it as belonging to you by a receipt, bill or label in the garment.

You are authorized to leave this Post with the following:

- One complete OD uniform with blouse
- One complete sundan uniform (Not 2 sundans in place of CDs)
- All underclothing and socks
- 1 Pair shoes
- (Eisenhower jacket may be retained in place of a blouse)

If any of this clothing that you are authorized to take with you is worn, torn or does not fit, turn it in. A clothing slip will be issued indicating the garments you are short and the sizes. Do not lose that slip. About 2 or 3 hours before you actually leave the Post, clean, serviceable uniforms will be issued based on that clothing slip. The Army will see to it that you leave here looking presentable.

Glasses

Any man that wears glasses will wear them at his physical examination. As soon as your name is placed on a roster make sure that you have them with you.

Meal Hours

Breakfast 0630 to 0715, no formation, Dinner 1120, formation in barracks, Supper 1650, formation in barracks.

Sick-Call

0800 and 1300. Do not report to the dispensary unless you have your name entered on the sick book.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

April, 1945

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

**Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Forces
in the Mediterranean Theatre**

Final victory is near. The German Forces are now very groggy and only need one mighty punch to knock them out for good. The moment has now come for us to take the field for the last battle which will end the war in Europe. You know what our comrades in the West and in the East are doing on the battlefields. It is now our turn to play our decisive part. It will not be a walk-over; a mortally wounded beast can still be very dangerous. You must be prepared for a hard and bitter fight; but the end is quite certain — there is not the slightest shadow of doubt about that. You, who have won every battle you have fought, are going to win this last one.

Forward then into battle with confidence, faith and determination to see it through to the end. Godspeed and good luck to you all.

H.C. Alexander

*Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.*

Appendix E